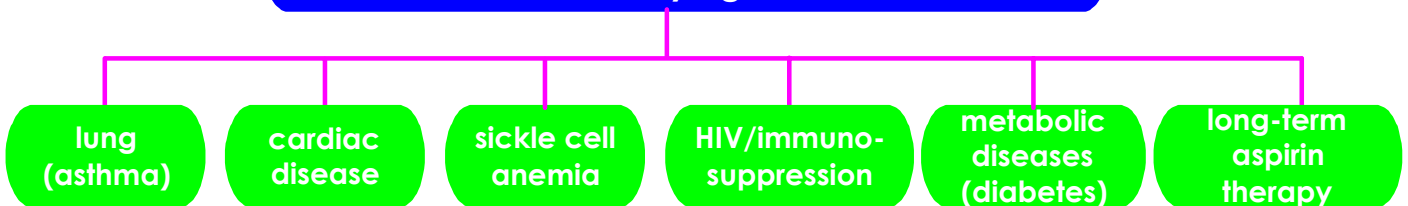


Immunize to protect their lives!

New 2004-2005 recommendations for childhood influenza vaccine

Traditional Guidelines Strongly Recommended

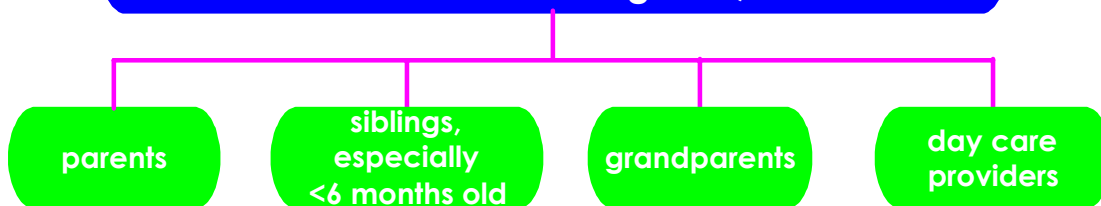
Children at high risk
due to underlying conditions



New Guidelines Now Recommended

Healthy children 6 to 23 months of age

Children who are living with or are in close
contact with others at high risk, such as



Immunization against influenza should start in October...

- All children (high-risk and healthy) 6-23 months of age
- Children ages 6 months through 8 years old who are receiving vaccine for the first time will need a booster dose 4 weeks after the initial dose
- Household contacts (ie, parents, grandparents, siblings) and out-of-home caregivers of children under the age of 2

...and should continue for as long as the influenza season lasts

- Immunization for all others should begin in November and continue into December and beyond
 - During the majority of recent seasons, influenza did not reach its peak until February